
I'M SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU WHILE YOU'RE ON VACATION...
THERE WAS THIS ONE SCENE WHERE THE DIALOGUE JUST DIDN'T SOUND RIGHT...
BUT IT FINALLY FEELS A LOT CLEARER.
ELM
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, I'M JUST GLAD YOU DECIDED TO DISCUSS IT WITH ME.
I WAS ALSO ABLE TO SORT THINGS OUT, SO IT'S ALL THE BETTER.
BESIDES, THIS YEAR, I HAVE A LOT MORE FREE TIME.


LAST YEAR, I WAS ALWAYS ON STANDBY, WAITING FOR ANOTHER ARTIST'S DRAFTS...
When the drafts arrive,
I'll be able to check them right away...
Eh? Your mind is empty?
I understand. Let's have a meeting!
UGH... THIS FEELS ALL TOO FAMILIAR...
BUT THANKS TO YOU, I THINK I CAN MANAGE TO PULL IT OFF.
I'LL TRY TO SEND IT TO YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK, ALRIGHT?
ALRIGHT! IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE TO WORK WITH...


YOU...
THUD
...WHAT WAS THAT?
Gave me a fright!
I... I GUESS SOMETHING FELL IN THE LIVING ROOM?
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO AND TAKE A LOOK?
I'LL GO AND CHECK LATER.
OKAY, SO, WHAT'S NEXT ON THE AGENDA?
DING DONG!
DING DONG!
DING...
AH! I'LL BE RIGHT B...


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I...I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, ALRIGHT?!
CLATTER
ERR... WHERE WERE WE?
SORRY, IT WAS A DELIVERY...
BY THE END OF THE DAY...
CRRR
I'M ALMOST DONE WITH THE VOLUME...
GAH!
....OMORI-SAN DO YOU HEAR ME? ARE YOU THERE?
WHERE ARE YOU LOO...


SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
EEK... YOU SEE, HATOMORI-SAN, WELL, THIS IS... I MEAN...
...SUGA-SAN.
EEP!
CAN I COME OVER RIGHT NOW?
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
?
Came to offer some food
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
GIVE ME YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE.

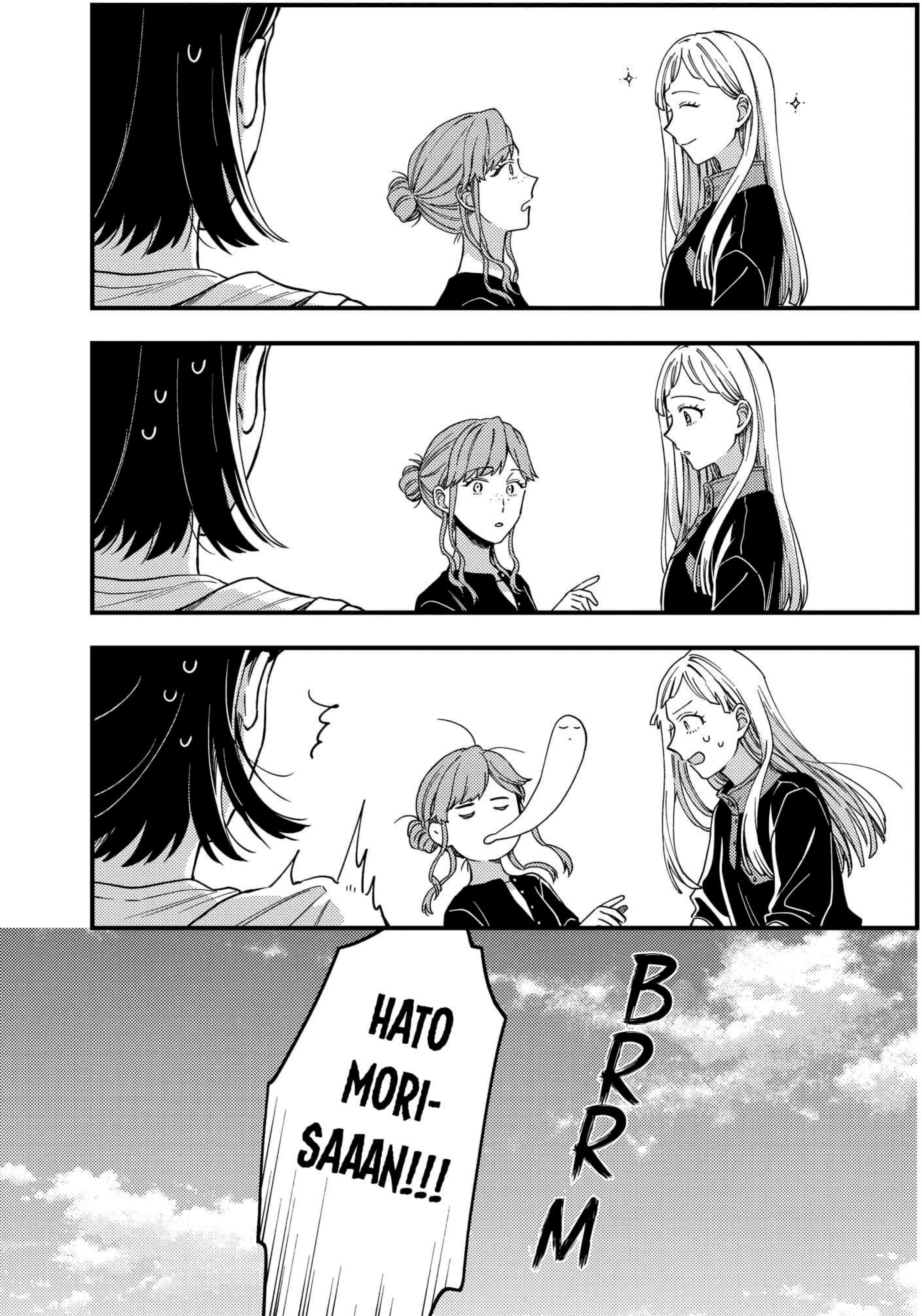

THIS IS BEYOND MY WILDEST IMAGINATION, THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO EVER...
DOOOM


YOU TOOK A LIKING TO THE PROPERTY, SO YOU SIGNED A PROVISIONAL LEASE AGREE-MENT?
ONLY TO FIND OUT LATER THAT THE LANDLORD IS LIVING IN?
YOU COULDN'T TURN THEM DOWN, SO HERE YOU ARE, WITH...
I HAVE NO EXCUSE...
ANYWAY, I GUESS YOU LIKED THE LANDLORD'S FACE OR SOMETHING.
I SWEAR, SUGAN-SAN, THIS IS WHY YOU ARE SO...
AND?
WHERE HAS THIS ABSURD LANDLORD GONE RIGHT...
I'M HOOOME!


AH, OOPS, YOU HAVE A GUEST?
HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU.
I SAW A BAKERY IN THE NEIGH-BORHOOD THE OTHER DAY.
SO I DECIDED TO CHECK IT OUT.
DO YOU LIKE CHOUX À LA CRÈME?
...SUGA-SAN?
WHAT THE... YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME FIRST...


ISN'T YOUR LANDLORD THE SPITTING IMAGE OF MIYAKO-CHAN?!!
EH?
OH OH... WOOOW...
OOOH... DON'T YOU GET OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR HER?
HAVE YOU EVER GONE ON TV AS A LOOK-ALIKE OR SOMETHING?
AMAZING... I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO GIRLS IN THE WORLD WITH SUCH A PRETTY FACE...
TOUCHED...
IS THIS PERSON THE MANGAKA YOU MENTIONED SOME TIME AGO?
APPARENT-LY SHE WAS KIND OF A HUGE FAN...
SO, THAT'S WHY SHE...


COUGH
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALWAYS CHEERING FOR ME.
I'M MIYAKO KITANO, THE FORMER LEADER OF ELM.


HATO MORI-SAAAN!!!
BRRRM


MY EDITOR...? WITH MIYAKO-CHAN...?
LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF...?


WHY? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...?
ONEE-SAN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, YA!
SO DON'T GET MAD AT HER!
MISS LAND-LORD, COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP QUIET FOR A BIT?


HER PROFILE SAYS SHE'S FROM KANSAI...
BUT MIYAKO-CHAN ALWAYS SPOKE STAN-DARD JAPA-NESE.
I SHOULD BE THRILLED TO HEAR HER SPEAK KANSAI DIALECT, BUT MY MIND CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ALL THAT...
SSSST
I'M... SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS...?
HAA...


THERE'S NO WAY THAT SUGA-SAN, A SUCKER FOR LOOKS, CAN RESIST THIS.
PFFFRT
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AAAH... TO THINK THAT ONEE-SAN HAD SUCH A PAST...

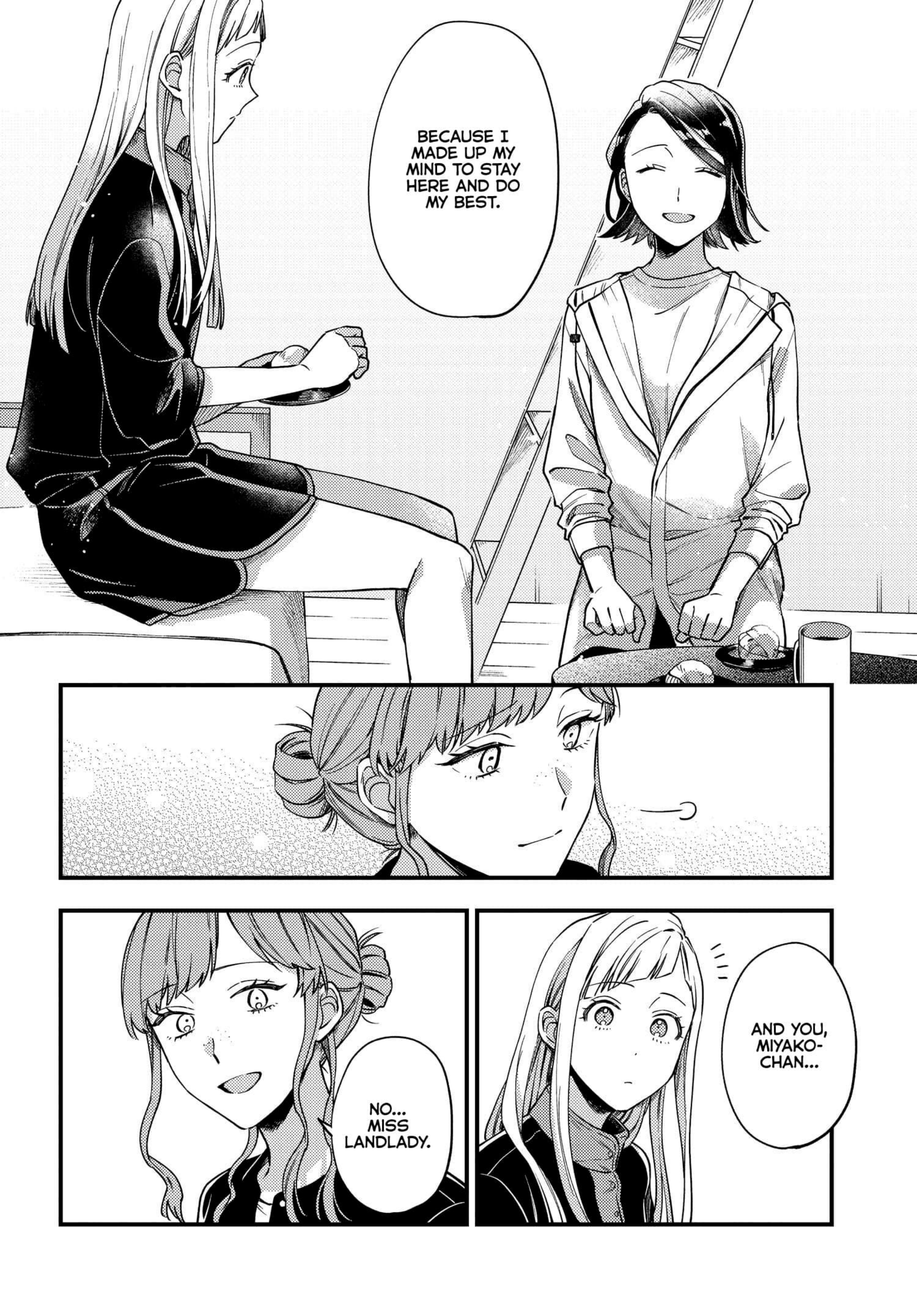

I THOUGHT SHE HAD LEARNED HER LESSON AFTER THE LAST TIME AND SAID SHE'D BE ON HER OWN FOR A WHILE, BUT...
RIGHT, SUGA-SAN?
WELL... YOU'RE NOT WRONG.
STILL, I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT YOU.
I WAS AFRAID THAT ONE DAY, YOU WOULD BE CAUGHT IN A SCAM OR SOMETHING.
IT'S... IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU MAKE IT SOUND.
AND HERE, IT LOOKED JUST LIKE IT.
GOOD THING IT WAS MIYAKO-CHAN, RIGHT?
YOU'RE JUST BEING PARA-NOID...


SAY, ONEE-SAN...
Y... YESSS? WHAT IS IT?
I PROMISE I WON'T CAUSE YOU ANY INCONVENIENCE, SO...
ARE YA REALLY THAT MUCH OF A SUCKER FOR LOOKS, ONEE-SAN?
....
....
..............YES.
IS THAT WHY YA'VE BEEN TREATING ME SO WELL?


I WISH THAT WAS THE ONLY REASOOOON...!
GRIIIND...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THIS WOMAN ALSO GOT HER "BIGHEARTED" CHARACTERISTIC MAXED OUT.
YOU TEND TO TAKE ON ASSIGNMENTS BEFORE YOU'RE EVEN ASKED TO, AREN'T YOU?
URK... I CAN'T DENY THIS...
I SEE...


I KNEW IT, YOU'RE JUST LIKE I THOUGHT YA WERE, ONEE-SAN.
? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING SO HAPPY?
?
MWHEHE... IT'S A SECRET!
MISS LANDLORD, CAN YOU PASS ME THE TRAY PLEASE?
YESSS!
OH MY, YOU'VE GOT REMARKABLY COMFORTABLE AROUND EACH OTHER.


SUGA-SAN, JUST TO BE CLEAR, BUT...
DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS ABOUT THIS DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP?
DO...
THIS IS NO DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP!!
AAH... SURE, IF YOU SAY SO...
BUT... I'M FINE WITH THIS.
CLINK


BECAUSE I MADE UP MY MIND TO STAY HERE AND DO MY BEST.
AND YOU, MIYAKO-CHAN...
NO... MISS LANDLADY.


I MAY HAVE SOUNDED MEAN, BUT SUGA-SAN IS AN EDITOR I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH FOR A LONG TIME.
AND SHE'S SOMEONE WHO'S HAD A ROUGH TIME UNTIL NOW, SO...
PLEASE, TREAT HER WELL, ALRIGHT?
YES!



ALSO, CAN I SHAKE YOUR HAND?
HATOMORI-SAN...
Do you want an autograph too?
Eh? Is that alright?!
Something to write on... Something to write on...!
Suga-san! Do you have any of my manga!?
What?!
For Hatomori-san


I'M NOT VERY HUNGRY, PROBABLY BECAUSE I HAD A SNACK AT A WEIRD TIME...
CHING
I'LL HAVE A LIGHT DINNER TONIGHT...
WHAT AN EXPENSIVE LOOKING CAR!
DON'T TELL ME IT'S SOME SHADY PEOPLE OR SOMETHING...?
WOOSH
MISS LANDLORD...!


WHO THE HELL ARE YA?
TO BE CONTINUED